

**Amendments to the Specification**

Change page 1, lines 1-10, as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD FOR PRODUCING MEAT PRODUCTS AND PROCESSED MEAT  
PRODUCTS COATED WITH CURDLAN GEL FILM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a method for producing meat products and processed meat products coated with a film of curdlan gel, ~~as well as to a method for producing such meat products.~~